

BIBLE READINGS for - February

Day	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Mon 11th	Ps. 11	Gen. 41: 25-45	Gal. 3: 23-4:7
Tue 12th	Ps. 44	Gen. 41: 46-42:5	Gal. 4: 8-20
Wed 13th	Ps. 6	Gen. 42: 6-17	Gal. 4: 21-5:1
Thu 14th	Ps. 42	Gen. 42: 18-28	Gal. 5: 2-15
Fri 15th	Ps. 22	Gen. 42: 29-end	Gal. 5: 16-end
Sat 16th	Ps. 63	Gen. 43: 1-15	Gal. 6: 1-end

Points for Praise and Prayer

- This evening "Songs of Praise" comes from Rochester. If you tune in you might see some familiar faces on the Telly! Pray that all those who use this programme as their "Church" may be inspired and uplifted. Pray too for John Cummin from St. Mary's Gillingham Green who is being licensed this evening at a Deputy Warden of Readers in the Medway / Rochester area.
- We continue to remember in our prayers those who are not well namely, Des who is in hospital and for his wife Celia and the family. For Mrs Brown, Janet Mann's mum, also in hospital and quite seriously ill. For Wendy Haslam, due to have an operation on her shoulder at the Spire Hospital, Fordcombe, on Friday 15th February. For Chris Green who also is also quite unwell and others known to us. Please remember also those who have been recently bereaved.
- Thank you to all those who have prayed about the interview concerning the position of Associate Minister here please continue to pray for all those involved, that a right choice should be made. For further information please speak to Glyn, Terry or John.
- HOPE 08 is a national programme of Social Action and Gospel Outreach - do continue to pray for all who are involved with this witness and for the team here in Gillingham. Sarah Ryan has details.
- This month we remember in our prayers Katy Barnwell who works as a consultant with the Wycliffe Bible Translation Team. She hopes to be with us again in March for a visit. Please see the Missions Board for further details.

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The Weekly News-sheet for St. Mark's Church, Gillingham
with St. Mary's Island Church (a Local Ecumenical Partnership)

A Mission Shaped Church

Connecting people with Jesus

PRAYER FOR TODAY

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ
fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your
Spirit; and, as you know our weakness,
so may we know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen

Today's Services

First Sunday in Lent

10.30 am: Holy Communion

6.30 pm: Evening Worship

Reflection: Graham Davis

Reflection: John Saunders

Readings: Psalm 116: 1-9

Reading: Matthew 4: 1-11

Luke 18: 9-14

Theme: 'The Poor in Spirit'

Theme: 'Christian Spirituality'

Other services today: **10.30 am** - Esmonde House Brompton and Mountevans House
11.00 am - Morning Service at St Mary's Island Church
5.00 pm - Word Service at St. Mark's House

WELCOME TO ST. MARK'S

If you are new to St. Mark's we hope that you enjoy your time of worship here with us today and that you will want to come back again next week. Please pick up a Welcome Leaflet from the back of the church which has information about all the regular activities.

Except for the first Sunday of the month during term time, groups for children and young teenagers meet at the Old Vicarage each Sunday morning from 10.20 am. All children (except the under 5's) are escorted back down to Church at the end of the morning. Children in the Scramblers group (2-5 years) will need to be collected. There is usually a crèche for babies in the Church Vestry during the morning service.

What's on at St. Mark's this week

French Students are in the Old Vicarage

- Monday 11th** 10.00 am - 12.00 pm - Coffee Shop in Church
7.30 pm - 9. 15pm - Landmark at the Old Vicarage
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- Tuesday 12th** 8.00 pm - Home groups
- Wednesday 13th** 9.00 am - Holy Communion in Church
10.00 am - Ladies Group - at the Old Vicarage
'Naaman: Faith Without Fireworks'
1.15 pm - 2.45 pm - Parent and Toddler group in Vicarage Hall
- Friday 15th** 10.00 am - Lydia Prayer Group at the Old Vicarage
6.15 - 7.30 pm - Kidz Club for children 7 - 11 years at the Old Vicarage
- Next Sunday 17th Feb** 10.30 am - Morning Worship
6.30 pm - Young People's service

Monday - Friday during term time - 9.30 am -12.15pm - Playgroup

Dates for your diary.....

Saturday 23rd February - Jam Session - 7.00 pm in Church - see opposite
Friday 7th March - Women's World Day of Prayer - 2.00pm at Holy Trinity, Twydall
Saturday May 10th - Pub Quiz at Palm Cottage - details to come

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Youth & Children's leaders meeting due to be held on Tuesday 12th Feb is postponed until March. Sorry for confusing diaries! Sarah

Application forms for a Sunday and Bank Holiday parking at Littlewoods and Jeffrey Street car parks, are available from Pam either in the office or at church.



CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

Watch this space for details of a basic Christian discipleship course starting in April. Ideal for anyone who is new to Church.

If you would like to participate or be involved please speak to John Saunders or Robin Alexander

Don't forget also to give your name to John or Robin if you are interested in catering for the evening on a rotational basis

The Archbishop's Lent Book this year is entitled **'Life Conquers Death'** and is by John Arnold.

It is published by Zondervan and costs £8.99

If you would like a copy please see Phil Gates at the bookstall.



Crèche Questionnaire

Unless you have already done so, would parents and guardians of **all** children up to two years, complete and hand in the form found at the back of the church, before leaving today.

Thank you

JAM SESSION
SATURDAY
23RD FEBRUARY
IN CHURCH
AT 7.00PM

For *all* musicians and vocalists but especially aimed at those still learning instruments. Come and enjoy playing alongside others and receive help and encouragement whilst playing well known worship songs.

If you would like to come please see Graham Wilkins